

The Daily Courant.

Monday, March 29. 1703.

From the Paris Gazette, dated March 24,

Rome, Feb. 27.

THe Pope, tho' he has pretty well recover'd his Health, yet could not assist at the Chappel which was held in St. Sabina on Ash-Wednesday, but Cardinal Colledo, Grand Penitentiary, gave the Benediction, and distributed the Ashes. On the 21st the Conservators and other Officers of the Roman People, went in Procession from the Capitol to the Church of St. Peter, to perform a Vow they made in the general Consternation caus'd by the Earthquake. The Pope has approv'd of the Memorial presented to him on that Subject; which decrees, that annually, on the Eve of St. Matthias, the Magistrates of Rome shall go in Procession from the Church of Araceli to that of St. Peter, and there offer 4 Wax Candles. That on St. Matthias Day, they shall assist at a Solemn Mass, which shall be celebrated in the Church of Araceli by a Roman Prelate, when a Sermon shall likewise be preach'd; This to be done for 5 Years successively, on the Sunday that falls within the Octaves of the Feast of the Purification of the Virgin. That during one Year, The Magistrates shall assist in a Body every Saturday, at the Litanies of the Virgin, in the Church of Santa Maria in Campitelli. That Means shall be found to oblige all Persons of Quality, Men and Woman, to wear Black, without any Ornament, for one Year. That for 5 successive Years, even in the Carnival, all Masquerades, Horse races, Feasting, Balls, Representations of Comedies, Tragedies, and Operas, shall be prohibited, in all Places, the Colleges and Seminaries not excepted. That the Eve of the Purification shall be observ'd with strict Fasting, at least in Rome. Finally, that an Edict shall be made, to reform all Excess in Apparel Equipage and way of living, which has undone Families, and given great Offence to Strangers.

From the Harlem and Amsterdam Courants, dated March 31.

Rome, March 10. A Congregation has been held in the Pope's Palace, in which it was consulted what Precautions are proper to be taken for the Security of the Coasts of the Ecclesiastical State; His Holiness being well assur'd, that a Squadron of English and Dutch Men of War will come this Summer into the Mediterranean; and it was resolv'd that 300 chosen Men should be sent to reinforce the Garrison of Civita Vecchia. On Wednesday last, the Venetian Ambassador had Audience of the Pope, about the Affairs of Lombardy; after which, the Heer Caunits the German Auditor of the Rota, was admitted, and desir'd an Answer to a Letter lately written by the Emperor to His Holiness; accordingly a Letter was deliver'd him that Evening to be sent to His Imperial Majesty.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated March 29.

Rome, March 10. It was resolv'd in a Congregation of State, held some Days ago, that the Garrisons of Civita Vecchia and other Maritime Places of the Ecclesiastical State, shall be reinforc'd. The Merchants of this City make use of all the Means they

can devise to prevent the Publishing of the Edict to restrain Profuseness, foreseeing it would ruine their Commerce. Not forgetting to urge principally, that such a restraint would sink the Customs of the Apostolical Chamber very low. The Pope has admonish'd all the Cardinals to see that their Domesticks be instructed in the Catechism, being inform'd that most of them are ignorant of the Principles of Christianity; and Signior Bonaventura, the Pope's Almoner, has compos'd by Order of His Holiness a Book intitul'd *A new Method of Christian Doctrine*; which is distributed in every Parish. We are not wholly recover'd yet from our Fears of a new Earthquake, and several Persons keep without the City under Tents still. Besides the Sums given by the Cardinals Imperiali, San Casareo, and others, for the Relief of those Families the Earthquake ruin'd, the Auditors of the Rota have contributed Money to the same Use. The Pope frequently reiterates his Exhortations to the Prelates of his Court to abstain from the Conversation of the Ladies. And has forbidden Gaming, especially at Cards, in the Sacred Palace. He has likewise commanded Signior Pallavicini Governor of Rome, to see good Orders kept in the City, and severely to punish Vagabonds, who strole about the Streets in the Night and commit frequent Robberies. The Pope has not yet approv'd the Nomination of Signior Olmo to the Archbishoprick of Palermo by the King of Spain, and 'tis thought he will let it rest till the Point of the Investiture is determin'd. The Tribunal of the Holy Office, is watchful, with its accustom'd Rigour, to suppress all new Sects, and the Authors of several lately discover'd, have been taken up and sent, some to the Gallies, others to the Prison of the Holy Office, and others to the Mad-house.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated March 29.

Rome, March 13. On Sunday last the Earth shook at Perugia, and did some damage to that City. The Pope is resolv'd to go in Pilgrimage to Loretto about the middle of April. Signior Olivieri, Secretary of the Pope's Letters, has been frequently in Conference, mostly in the Night, with Count Lamberg the Imperial Ambassador, but on what Subject is not known. The Servants of the Spanish Ambassador kill'd a Man lately in their Master's Quarters, and beat and drove away the Sbirries who ran thither at the Noise of the Fray; at which this Court is highly displeas'd. The Secretary of Prince Eugene of Savoy, is gone hence to Vienna; the Pope having yielded to his request, that for the future the Provisions that are brought to the Magazine of the Imperialists at Mezola shall be exempted from all Imposts. The Son of Prince Vaini has secretly withdrawn himself, unknown to his Father, taking with him Jewels and Plate to a great Value, and leaving a Note behind him in his Chamber, signifying, That he is gone to Vienna to put himself into the Emperor's Service, in hopes of better Fortune than what befel him while he was the King of France's Page; which proves an inconsolable Affliction to his Father, who was some time ago taken into the Protection of the King of France, and honour'd with the Order of Knighthood of the Holy Ghost.

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The last Letters from Milan confirm the landing of a good part of the 18000 Recruits for the French Troops in Italy, at Final, and on the Coast of the State of Genoa; and add that 9 Companies of Foot of 50 Men each are levying in Milan. That to prevent the Excursions of the Hussars into the Cremonese, all the Boat-Bridges on the Oglio, the Adda, and other Rivers, are taken away; and the People of all the Towns and Villages of that Country, are order'd to ring out the Alarm Bell, when they perceive any Party of Hussars: That the French Governor of Cremona, has extorted 3400 Crowns of the Inhabitants of 12 Villages, as also of the Monks of a certain Convent in that Province, for not giving him timely Information of the March of that Party of Hussars who had like to have taken the last Convoy of Money from Milan to Cremona. And that the French have summon'd the Villages of the Parmezan, in the Neighbourhood of Bersello, to furnish 10 Men each to be employ'd in the Batteries and other Works that are making before that Place; But several of them who were forc'd into that Service, having been kill'd by the Fire of the Besieged, the rest have abandon'd their Dwellings and are fled clear away.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated March 29. Some Letters from Leghorn of the 9th of this Month, advise, that there is an Insurrection in Sardinia, and that the Inhabitants of that Island have declar'd for the Emperor; but this News has need of Confirmation, because there are other Letters from Italy of a fresher date, which say nothing of it.

From the Harlem Courant, dated March 29. Amsterdam, March 28. 'Tis written from Leghorn of the 9th, that the News there was, that the Inhabitants of Cagliari, the chief Town of Sardinia, were up in Arms, had kill'd the Spanish Viceroy, and declar'd for the Emperor; of which we wait for a more certain Account.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated March 29. Amsterdam, March 28. In the Port of Leghorn are now lying 3 French of War from 50 to 60 Guns: Two Ships appearing in Sight of the Harbour, 2 of these Men of War weigh'd Anchor to go out and see whether they were Enemies or not, but our Castles fired at them, and made them drop their Anchors agen; it being our Resolution not to suffer the Neutrality to be violated on our Coasts. The Report that comes from Leghorn, of the Sardinians having revolted, kill'd their Viceroy and declar'd for the Emperor, meets with no Credit here.

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